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**Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan  
May- June 2008 Progress Report**

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from May 21 through June 14, 2008, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me at (253) 924-3746 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

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**Progress Report No. 21**  
**May 21, 2008, through June 14, 2008**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study**  
**Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property.

**1. Operable Unit 7 – Plainwell Mill Site**

Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):

- Weyerhaeuser met with the City of Plainwell to update them on the progress at the site.

Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the USEPA:

- The USEPA responded to Field Sampling Plan portion of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) on May 23, 2008. Weyerhaeuser has asked for clarification on a few issues regarding the response.
- Activities associated with the RI/FS Addendum #1 included:
  - Additional review of building plans, aerial photographs and geophysical survey data.
  - A plan for subsurface investigation based on the above information between the mill and river is being reviewed by Weyerhaeuser and will be submitted to the USEPA by mid-July.

**2. Operable Unit 5 – Plainwell Mill Banks - Kalamazoo River**

Activities performed as part of the Emergency Action during the current reporting period included:

- In late April 2008, Weyerhaeuser was informed by the USEPA Project Manager that stockpiled material removed from the banks may require Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) staff review and approvals prior to disposal. After further discussions between USEPA and Weyerhaeuser attorneys, the USEPA requested that the excavated material remain stockpiled on site while the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and TSCA groups determined the appropriate procedures. Based on the delay in removal from the site, the material was covered with plastic to minimize water infiltration and control dust. The two dumpsters containing segregated material are also covered awaiting disposal decision. The covered material is inspected weekly.
- Due to increased rain, the containment pad area required pumping and treating of the accumulated water. The water was pumped into the 20,000-gallon holding tank and re-circulated through the system and sampled for PCBs. If results show no detects, the water will be discharged to the river.
- No additional activities are presently ongoing, other than security inspections one to two times per week.

Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:

- Water sample results for the containment pad water have not been received as of the date of this report.
- No additional data has been collected over this reporting period.

Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:

- A pump on the water treatment system failed and required replacement. None of the water from the system was released.

Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:

- Disposal of the material within the containment pad.
- Disposal of the segregated material within the two dumpsters.
- Remobilization and demobilization of equipment and personnel from the site.
- Begin preparation of the documentation report for the emergency action.
- USEPA review and discussion on the work plan for field activities associated with the addendum described above.

Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:

- None.

Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:

- Decision on disposal of materials.

Other Relevant Information:

- None.